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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee for the captioned application, kindly enter the following preliminary amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claims 1-34 appearing on original pages 12-17 of the PCT application as filed and substitute therefor amended claims 1-34 appearing on replacement pages 12-17 attached hereto.

REMARKS

For claim 12: The added "circumferential" limitation is fairly supported by claim 11.

The added "sufficient depth" limitation is fairly supported by page 10, lines 21-22.

The added "thrust load" limitation is fairly supported by page 8, lines 7-12.

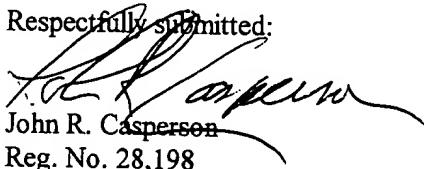
The remaining amendments are made for the purposes of reducing the filing fee and for better compliance with 35 USC 112.

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